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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

On page 6, please replace the paragraph starting on line 20 with the following:

Figures 9a-9b are bottom surface views illustrating an embodiment of a bendable tissue contacting surface with articulated sections.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 8 with the following:

Figures 15a-15d are lateral views illustrating various alignments for the aperture and electrodes of the embodiment in Figure 7.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 18 with the following:

Figure 21 is a lateral view illustrating an embodiment of an advancement member comprising one or more pushable advancement members with coupled electrodes.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 21 with the following:

Figures 22a-22c are perspective views illustrating the use of the embodiment of the apparatus of Figure 13.